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A.2  
5. (once amended) An article as described in claim 4, wherein the smaller pore sizes are around 5 microns and the pores for the larger pore size distribution are around 30 microns.

6. (one amended) An article described in claim 1, that is configured into a tube.

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8. (once amended) An article as described in claim 1, that is configured into a sheet.

12. (once amended) The method according to claim 11, wherein the small pore size is in the range from 3 to 8 microns and the large pore size is in the range from 25 to 40 microns.

13. (once amended) The method according to claim 12, wherein the small pore size is in the range from 4 to 6 microns and the large pore size is in the range from 25 to 35 microns.

14. (once amended) The method according to claim 13, wherein the small pore size is around 5 microns and the large pore size is around 30 microns.

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to claim benefit from German Patent Application No. 100 61 936.3.

Claims 1-14 remain in the application. Claims 4-6, 8, and 12-14 have been amended from a formal standpoint in accordance with the U.S. rules of practice to remove multiple dependency and not for reasons relating to patentability. The filing fee has been calculated according to the above-amendments.

Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "**Version With Markings to Show Changes Made.**"

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments regarding the amendments, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.